



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of : **Confirmation No. 4034**
Susumu KOBAYASHI et al. : Docket No. 2001_1035A
Serial No. 09/910,853 : Group Art Unit 2151
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to April 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.